

Message

From: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Sent: 9/15/2016 9:21:52 PM
To: Dorka, Lilian [Dorka.Lilian@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: (OCR): DDL 9/15 6:00 PM, Title VI Inquiry about Native Hawaiians/Earth Justice Bring Civil Rights Complaint Against State Agencies on Pesticide Use; BNA

Hi – calling you now on this.

Thanks ng

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Deadline: 6:00 pm
Reporter: David McAfee
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Story: Title VI: Native Hawaiians and Earth Justice Bring Civil Rights Complaint Against State Agencies on Pesticide Use
HDOA and ADC discriminate against Native Hawaiians harmed by pesticide drift

Full Article:

<http://earthjustice.org/news/press/2016/native-hawaiians-bring-civil-rights-complaint-against-state-agencies-on-pesticide-use>

Native Hawaiians Bring Civil Rights Complaint Against State Agencies on Pesticide Use

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September 14, 2016
Honolulu, HI —

Today, community groups The Moms On a Mission (MOM) Hui and Pō'ai Wai Ola/West Kaua'i Watershed Alliance, represented by Earthjustice, filed a complaint with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Department of Agriculture, calling on both agencies to investigate the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture's (HDOA's) and Agribusiness Development Corporation's (ADC's) actions against Native Hawaiians in violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Title VI and agency regulations prohibit recipients of federal funding from engaging in practices that have the effect of discriminating on the basis of race, color, or national origin.

ADC facilitates the constant drift of pesticides and pesticide-laden dust into Native Hawaiian communities by leasing thousands of acres near them to heavy pesticide users, primarily genetically engineered seed companies, that spray tens of thousands of pounds of toxic pesticides each year. ADC makes no apparent effort to avoid these impacts, to protect these communities, nor even to consider the effect of its actions on them. In fact, ADC recently refused to continue complying with the Clean Water Act's requirements to monitor, restrict, and report contaminants in its vast West Kaua'i drainage canal system that weaves through the fields and empties millions of gallons of untreated waters into the ocean bordering Waimea and Kekaha.

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From: Grantham, Nancy

Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2016 5:00 PM

To: Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>; Abrams, Dan <Abrams.Dan@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>

Cc: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: GEORGE / DAN RE: JULIA: I don't;' have a contact in OCR. in a few hours Kelly- I think you know about this one-- FW: Press Inquiry about Pesticides - Native Hawaiians Bring Civil Rights Complaint Against State Agencies on Pesticide Use

I am happy to reach out to Lillian as I am covering for Nick while he is out.

Thanks ng

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From: Milbourn, Cathy

Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2016 4:58 PM

To: Abrams, Dan <Abrams.Dan@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>

Cc: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>

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Dan, when you say she -- do you mean me or Nancy?

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Adding Nancy who also handles OCR - I think she should reach out to Lilian.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 15, 2016, at 4:53 PM, Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov> wrote:

I would recommend reaching out to Lilian Dorka, she's acting Director. - George

From: Valentine, Julia

Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2016 4:51 PM

To: Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>; Abrams, Dan <Abrams.Dan@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>

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Do either of you have a contact in OCR for Cathy for this request?

Thanks

Julia P. Valentine

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U.S. EPA, Ofc of Media Relations

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Julia- do you have a contact in OCR?

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From: Zito, Kelly

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